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card
Mr. John R. McCrory
Knowledge Builders
31 Union Square West
New York 3, N Y.

Dear Mr. McCrory:

On behalf of Mr. Dulles, I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 13 June.

This is a matter which does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Central Intelligence Agency as the National Security Act of 1947, which provided for the establishment of the Agency, provided that it shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement or internal security functions. However, the questions that you raised concern the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization and I might suggest that you get in touch with that office. The address of the Regional Office of OCDCM for your area is Oak Hill Road, Harvard, Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Signed

Assistant to the Director

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Central Intelligence Agency
Att: Mr. Allen Dulles
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Now that we have a Central Intelligence Agency and events all around the world seem to be coming to a big blow off, it would seem to me that we should also have a Central Horsensense Agency that will help us find ways and means to see this whole gruesome affair through to a finish. I know we have perhaps ample deterrent striking power - - but has anyone thought through any provision(s) for an all-out last ditch struggle against two of the most vicious monsters on the face of this earth? Do we have, or do we even have any plans for underground "hidden factories"? Have we made any provision for underground storage of foods and other essentials? Has there been any thought or plans made for the final last ditch protection of the last 25 or even 10% of our population in case of almost complete destruction?

Almost everyone in this country, and that also includes our top brass, continue to think in terms of "business as usual" with everything functioning, such as transportation, banking, food and shelter, but if 10 or 20 hydrogen warheads should hit key cities at about the same time, what emergency plans have been made to provide for the "business as usual" operations which would no longer exist? For example: one hydrogen bomb in the 42nd street district of New York would put out of existence all transportation in all directions for more than 30 million people and all the business in the area that they depend on daily.

I will admit that I have no ready answer for these problems and I am not asking you what your plans are, but I do say that some of our intelligence (or horse-sense) should be put to figuring out some kind of plans against this horrible possibility, and let us - or at least the few of us are left - try to carry on against that last ditch all-out struggle against those demented madmen in Russia and China, who have absolutely no regard for human life if they think they have even the barest chance of winning.

Our latest census indicates a bare 180 million. Russia has between 400 and 600 million. China has over 600 million and is multiplying like rabbits, so let us think in terms of numbers and their lack of regard for losing them, and let's come up with some well thought out plans to prepare for some underground bomb-proof ways to still carry on, to the last man and maybe one woman.

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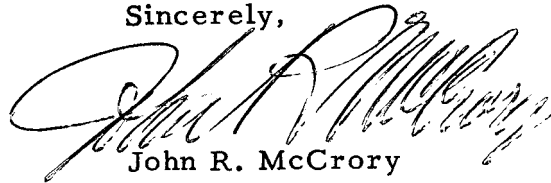
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I know that it may be an awful jolt to Central Intelligence Agency that a plain, ordinary citizen is concerned about the intelligence of our all-out planning. Can you give us an assurance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John R. McCrory".

John R. McCrory

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